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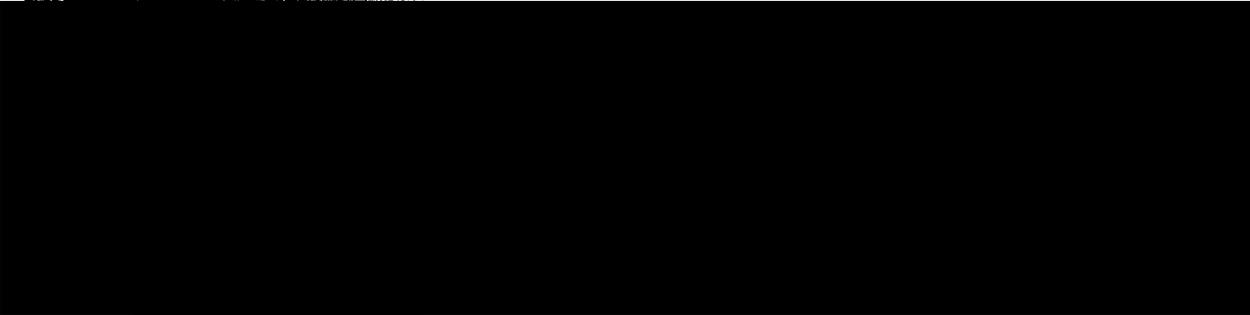
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1. Starting in mid-March 1951, Manila Police Department officials have been staging raids almost daily on Chinese residents of the city on the pretext of locating Chinese Communists.
2. Raiding parties carry warrants signed by a Manila judge, as well as Communist literature which they pretend to discover on the premises in the course of the raids. They justify their arrests on the basis of these contrived discoveries of incriminating evidence.
3. Prisoners taken in these raids are released immediately on the spot upon payment of a bribe ranging from P500 to P800. Of this amount, the judge is paid P50 for each warrant he has issued.
4. Recently enacted Government regulations will permit the deportation of aliens on the basis of suspicion alone. Evidence already exists that these regulations will be used for large scale blackmail of aliens in the Philippines, and Chinese residents of Manila reportedly are terrified by this prospect.

25X1X [REDACTED] described the extortion raids being staged by Manila Police Department officials on Chinese merchants in Manila who allegedly were engaged in black market enterprises. Dissatisfaction with the Nationalist Embassy reportedly is mounting in the Manila Chinese community over the lack of protection afforded Chinese businessmen against frequent extortion raids, unexplained searches, and arrests by Philippine investigative and enforcement agencies.

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